



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Milton Richter
Title: Bolt Assembly for Toilet Seats
Serial Number: 10/840,120
Filing Date: 05/06/04
Group Art Unit: 3751
Examiner: Tuan Nguyen

Commissioner for Patents
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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131

Sir:

Milton Richter, applicant in the above-identified patent application, declares as follows:

1. That I am the inventor and applicant for the above-identified patent application.
2. That I conceived in the United States the invention claimed in the above-identified application prior to September 4, 2002, the filing date of the cited U.S. Patent No. US **6,637,040** B1 to Alba.
3. That pursuant to this conception and also prior to September 4, 2002, the filing date of the cited U.S. Patent No. US **6,637,040** B1 to Alba, I proceeded to record the essence of my invention and to make sketches to represent my concepts.

4. On August 20, 2002, I prepared a typed description of an early concept of my invention.

5. I have a friend whom I trust and to whom I wanted to explain my invention. It was my intention to have her sign the paper I had prepared on August 20, 2002, as a witness. However, she was not available on that day. I met with her several days later and she signed and dated the paper at that time. A copy of that paper is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A". The original document can be produced if requested.

6. I have located some of the sketches mentioned above, but none are dated and though I prepared them during the time of the original conception I cannot vouch for the specific dates of their preparation. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" are copies of these sketches.

7. I continued to work on and refine my invention. On October 30, 2002, I contacted a patent attorney and made an appointment for a conference. Appropriate steps were taken and I filed a patent application on May 8, 2003.

8. On March 22, 2004, an election was required regarding the claims of the original application filed on May 8, 2003 (serial number 10/434,047). An election of claims was made and a Notice of Allowance was received on March 29, 2004. On July 20, 2004, U.S. Patent No. US 6,763,529 B1 issued on the elected claims.

9. The instant application is a divisional of application serial no. 10/434,047, the parent application. The effective filing date of the instant application is May 8, 2003, the filing date of the parent application. The invention claimed in the instant application is disclosed in the parent application.

10. Thus due diligence has been followed since the conception of the instant invention.

The declarant further states that the above statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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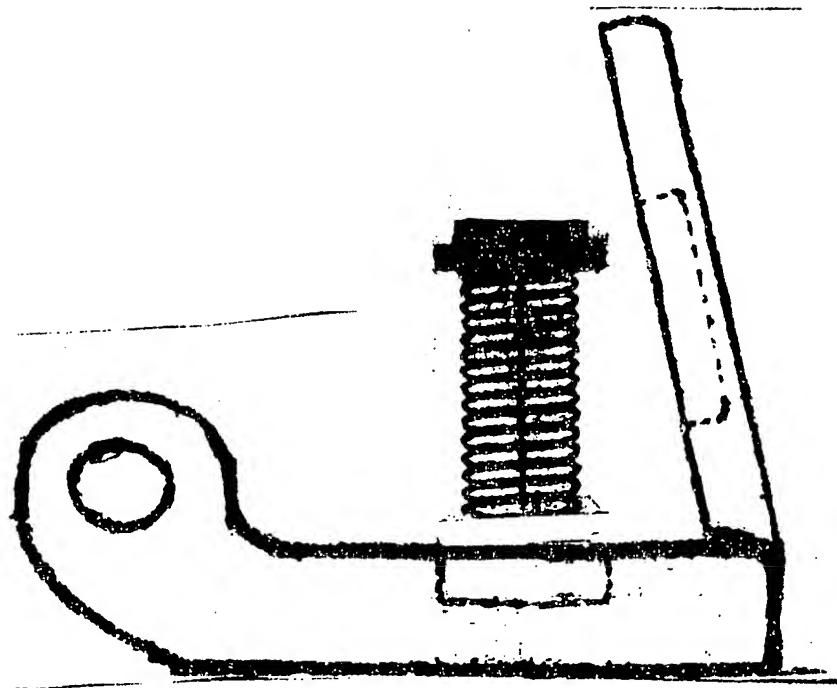
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A patent to be applied for by Milton Richter in regard to the protection to the rights to an invention which is a method to facilitate the removal of a toilet seat from the toilet bowl so that it is easier to clean the toilet seat and the top of the toilet bowl. The current method of attaching a toilet seat to a toilet bowl is to have hinges attached to the rear underside of the bottom half of the toilet seat and there is a hole in the center of the said hinge which hole is countersunk on the top of the hinge and a long bolt is then passed through the hole downward with the head of the bolt resting in the countersink of the hole and said bolt is then passed through a hole that is located in the rear upper part of the toilet bowl with a sufficient portion of said bolt coming through the said hole to engage a nut onto said bolt so that the said nut can be screwed onto the said bolt until the said nut is tight up against the underside of the rear upper part of the toilet bowl thus securing the toilet seat to the toilet bowl with the same bolt. To separate the toilet seat from the toilet bowl it is necessary to remove the said nut from the underside of the rear upper part of the toilet bowl so that the bolt can be withdrawn from the hole in the toilet bowl and then said bolt can be withdrawn from the hole in the bottom part of the hinge and then the toilet seat can be separated from the toilet bowl and the said bolt can then be removed from the bottom hinge. In the new method the hole in the bottom part of the hinge would remain countersunk on top and there would be no hole in the upper rear part of the toilet bowl which hole would be replaced by a bolt that is imbedded in the material of the rear upper part of the toilet bowl so that a small portion of the said bolt would protrude from above the surface of the said rear upper part of the toilet bowl and the said small portion of said bolt would rise up just high enough above the surface of the said rear upper part of the toilet bowl so that when the hole of the bottom hinge is placed over the said bolt the top of the said bolt would be about flush with the top of the surface of the said bottom hinge and then a nut would be put onto the open end of said bolt coming through the top of the hole of the said bottom hinge and said nut would then be tightened onto the said bolt until it is tight against the countersunk surface of the said bottom hinge so that the said toilet seat would then be secured to the toilet bowl. To remove the toilet seat from the toilet bowl only the said nut need be removed from the said bolt and the toilet seat could then be lifted off the said bolt for easy cleaning.

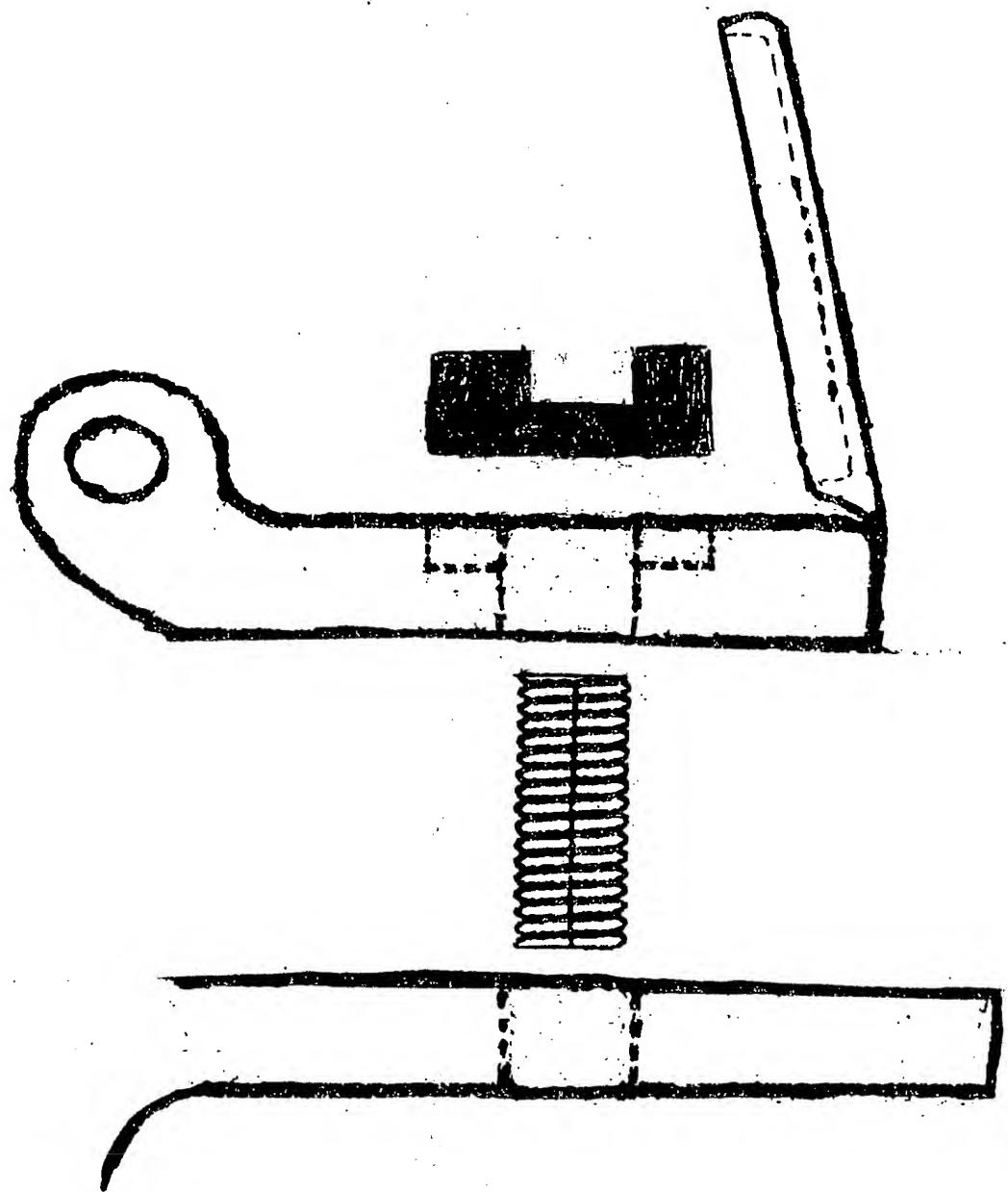
Signed: Milton Richter Milton Richter

Witness: Dick Hyman 9-10-02 Helen Hyman

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